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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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SUBJECT

: Developments in Poland

1. I convened a meeting of the NFIB agency representatives Tuesday afternoon to discuss the implications of Polish Defense Minister Jaruzelski's appointment as Prime Minister, the results of the Central Committee Plenum and the Supreme Court decision on Rural Solidarity. The representatives believe that the very tough leadership speeches at the Plenum, together with Jaruzelski's appointment, will have a shock effect that may quiet the situation temporarily and gain the regime some breathing space. All agreed that the events of yesterday and today signal a harder line by the regime and, in that sense, move Poland closer to the use of coercive measures -- but this is a largely abstract and indefinite conclusion with little sense of imminence. No agency representative supported issuing an alert memorandum. (S)

Robert M. Gates

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